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Suffield Honors Potter



Father Stephen Foley, chaplain of the Conn. Fire Chiefs and the New England Fire Chiefs Association, jokes with the crowd of 525 people who came to pay tribute to Fire Chief Raymond H. Potter, Jr., who retires after serving Suffield for 43 years. Others at the head table pictured here from left to right are Selectman Donald Robinson; Potter and his wife Lavinia; Jerry Grote of the New England International Fire Chiefs Association; Astrid Hazelek, former state representative; and Thomas Bellmore, who succeeds Potter as chief.

Over 500 guests gathered to honor Suffield's Fire Chief Ray Potter, who is retiring after 43 years of outstanding service to the community. Well-wishers filled the banquet room of La Renaissance, Inc. in East Windsor last Thursday evening and shared the joking remarks and reminiscences of numerous comrades and area officials.

Fire chiefs, both active and retired, came

from several towns in Massachusetts and Connecticut to extend their greetings and make presentations to their longtime colleague.

Chief Potter's devotion to the fire service in Suffield and his active commitment to the betterment of his community will be sorely missed by townspeople who wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

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Chief Ray Potter takes the mike to express his gratitude at his recent testimonial dinner as Emcee Ed Fennelly, retired chief of the Hartford Fire Dept., and Second Selectman Donald Robinson look on.



Fire Chief Melbert Johnson of the Southwick Volunteer Fire Department congratulates his colleague as he retires from the Suffield fire service.



On behalf of the Town of Suffield, Selectman Don Robinson presents Ray Potter with a silver bowl in appreciation of his dedicated service to the community. "Vin" Potter looks on proudly.

**PHOTOS BY
JACK DEVINE**

Board Considers Closing School

By Lil Devin

Suffield. At last Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Education, a report on the closing of West Suffield School, slated for June, 1982, was accepted. A public hearing on the matter was called for November 24th prior to a vote to close the school officially.

In addition to shutting down West Suffield School, the report recommends moving kindergarten classes to Bridge Street School next fall and relocating first and second graders to Spaulding School. According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sidney DuPont, no extensive renovation to Spaulding would be necessary.

Over fifty parents and students in attendance at the meeting were concerned with bussing students across town and effects of future geographical growth in Suffield. Parents complained of poor bussing procedures and expressed fear that changes as presented would further aggravate the problem.

Dr. DuPont termed closing West Suffield School "more advantageous" than closing Bridge Street as the latter houses more classrooms and can accommodate handicapped students more easily.

Very little discussion occurred on possible reuse of the building after the proposed shutdown.

Graduation Requirements To Be Raised?

In other business, discussion of including two credits of math in addition to other requirements for high school graduation stirred much concern.

Vice-Chairman James Turek argued that the new requirements would give "more credibility" to a Suffield High diploma as well as better prepare students for our highly technological society.

Note was made that Suffield is the only town in the area which does not require math for graduation. Turek declared the staff and administration at the high school could do an "outstanding job to ensure that requirements are met."

A final decision is still pending.



MEMBERS OF THE SUFFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION deliberate the closing of West Suffield School. Pictured here left to right are Robert Bigelow, partially hidden; Carl Glans; Mary Ann Muska, Supt. Of Schools Sidney DuPont; James Turek, Jacqueline Morgan; William Borchers; and Elizabeth Mavis (partially turned). Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

Stoney Brook Completion OK'd

By Stuart Parker

SUFFIELD: The Suffield Conservation Commission gave the go-ahead to Rick Jensen of the Suffield Regional Vo-Ag Department to begin buying materials for a thirty foot bridge in Stoney Park.

Final approval for the \$4,000 capital improvements funds to be used for bridge and campsite materials will be given November 10, after a detailed cost and design report is submitted.

Jensen, one of four teachers who will supervise the

project, said students will present the report to the committee. The report will include plans for two bridges, which will make cross-country trails more accessible, and six rustic fireplaces at the campsite.

Of the 110 students in Suffield's Vo-Ag program, 40 to 50 juniors and seniors will be working on the project. Some work completed at Stoney Park has already won praise from Park Superintendent Roger Loomis and the Conservation Commission.

Jensen credited cooperation from the town, who provided construction equipment and operations as enabling Suffield's Vo-Ag to have a community service curriculum.

"Two years ago we cleared the streets and fields after the tornado, and last year we landscaped around the high school," Jensen said.

Jensen noted that Vo-Ag students graduate not only with mechanical ability, but also with an understanding of civic responsibility.

"The park is a great resource for our students to use," said Jensen. "We all the urban buildup projected for the Northeast, I'm afraid that one day parks may be viewed as being those funny green things over there. I think it will give our students a lot of satisfaction in a few generations to know they were part of this project."

Conservation committee members Arthur Christian and John Smith will be working closely with Jensen until the project is underway.

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Board Revises School Building Rental Policy

By Andi Phelps

Southwick. The School Committee revised its policy for rental of school buildings to local, non-profit organizations at their meeting last Tuesday night. Though no official action was taken, a general consensus agreed to charge \$15 per hour for heat plus a minimal custodial fee of \$30.

Responding to a request from Southwick Recreation Center President Raymond Frappier for use of the gymnasium at Powder Mill School, the board also agreed to rent facilities without heat, should the renters so request.

Groups renting while buildings are in ordinary use will be charged a \$15/hour fee. Those renting on weekends or holidays, when boilers have been turned down, will be charged \$100, the estimated cost of firing up two boilers, plus the hourly rate.

According to Frappier, the Rec Center doesn't require heat because the children will be actively playing. He said his group did not feel it was taking a risk as normal maintenance temperatures would have to be maintained anyway.

Cost of lighting was not included in the fee schedule because Business Services Director Kenneth Johnson termed it a "minor expense." Figures from Western Mass. Electric Company estimate a cost of 32¢ per hour to light the Powder Mill gym.

The committee declared it wanted to be as lenient as possible with local groups, but would not take money from educational purposes to heat buildings for other uses.

School Reuse Discussed

Discussion among board members and individuals on the Consolidated School Reuse Study Committee centered on school department space needs should the town begin to use the now-closed school for its offices.

Study Committee member Henry Englehardt thought putting as many offices as possible into the building to be practical. He said office space had been provided along with access to three meeting rooms for School Department use. The committee is also considering returning the Special Needs Department back into the balcony area of the vacant school.

Study Committee member Gerald Davis noted the "key location" of the Consolidated School building in the center of town, linked to the park, to the town garage, and to the present town building.

Funds from other groups such as the library or senior citizens should they decide to relocate would help defray some operational costs as well. Also under consideration is moving the Superintendent's office and reassigning use of his present office space at Powder Mill School.

LPVEC Vote Committed

In other business, board member Jeffrey Youens reported his voting to form a "charitable corporation" with other members of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative to allow it to purchase a site in Springfield for an alternative high school.

Sufficient town funds are not available to provide this type of schooling for those who cannot adjust to a regular high school situation, and the collaborative format allows for more flexibility.

The LPVEC hopes to be using the building by Thanksgiving, according to Youens.

Selectmen Consider Creation Of Energy Resource Comm.

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: The Board of Selectmen are considering the formation of an Energy Resource Committee here. The board plans to meet with interested persons with the intention of appointing a five member committee within the next few weeks.

The committee would serve to keep the town involved in energy rates and fossil fuel legislation. According to Ralph Liptak, one of the proponents of the committee, it is important that the town have someone maintaining contact with Southwick's representatives in Boston and Washington.

According to selectman John Viel, the appointed committee could study the situation but would have no legal authority to administer fuel aid programs or accept gifts or grants. A commission, he said, would have such authority but formation of such commission would require town meeting approval. The planned committee would also asking the annual town meeting to form such a commission.

Selectman have announced the town brush dump and scrap metal pile will be closed at dusk on Tuesday evenings beginning November 1 until further notice. The hopper will remain open as usual.

In further business last Wednesday, selectmen accepted the resignation of Dorothy Terrio from the Council on Aging and were notified of the resignation of Dwight S. Bartlett from the Board of Health. Selectmen will appoint interested persons to fill these vacancies.

The Health Board seat would be open for election in the spring.

Special Election Slated

Southwick. Three persons will be on the ballot Tuesday, October 27th, vying for the unexpired selectman's seat vacated recently by John Zanolli's resignation.

Russell Fox, Republican, Linda McQuade, Democrat, and Robert A. Flagg, Independent, are competing for the slot.

The polls will be open at Powder Mill School from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Applications for absentee ballots will be accepted at the Town Clerk's office until Monday noon.

Appeal Organized For Future Vehicles

Suffield. Letters of appeal will be sent out this week from the Social Service Commission to all townspeople of Suffield requesting funds to be held in reserve for purchase of replacement vehicles designated for commission use.

The Social Service Commission currently has two buses in use to take elderly and handicapped residents on errands, to medical appointments, or to recreational workshops. The commissioners wish to build up a reserve fund for any future requirements.

Further information may be obtained by calling 668-0344. The office is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.



MARKING THE SPOT... Police Commissioner Paul P. Koscak, Sr., right, points out danger zones at the intersection of East Street and Route 190 to Suffield Police Chief Murray A. Phelps, Jr.

Koscak Seeks Investigation Of Intersection

Suffield. Police Commissioner Paul P. Koscak Sr. is seeking an investigation into traffic conditions at the intersection of Route 159 and 190, claiming a dangerous situation which poses a threat for serious accidents.

In a letter to James R. Rice, Department of Transportation manager of traffic, Koscak cites southbound traffic on route 159 has "only about four seconds with a green light which isn't sufficient time to travel through the intersection at a safe speed and avoid oncoming northbound traffic."

Koscak explained he had recently witnessed a near-miss that could have resulted in a serious accident and does not want to wait for such an incident before correcting the situation.

The four-year veteran commissioner is also requesting installation of a sign warning westbound traffic on Route 190 that the highway ends at the light.

"This warning is especially critical at night," Koscak pointed out. "Without a sign saying this is the end of the road, a motorist encountering the green light might end up in the field across from the intersection."

This latest request is one in a continued effort to improve traffic conditions on Route 159 in which Koscak was successful in persuading the DOT to change the southbound double lane on East Street hill to a single lane.

Koscak, an incumbent Democrat, is seeking another term on the Police Commission. He is a retired shipping and receiving technician, a former music teacher and a 30-year resident of town.

Koscak was responsible for the installation of the public telephone located on the town green and is a staunch supporter of strict speed limit enforcement.



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Cannon Announces For Treasurer Slot

Suffield. Lew Cannon, candidate for Suffield town treasurer, has expressed his appreciation for the support of townspeople in past years and his hopes they will continue to support him this year in his bid to be treasurer again.

"I pledge to continue to invest the monies of the town in a prudent fashion to produce the best yield," he stated. "I am making same day re-investments of all funds not needed for current expenses. The policy

of keeping investments on a short term basis to take advantage of the spiraling investment rates made possible earnings of \$77,000 over the amount budgeted in 1980-81. In the first four months of the current fiscal year, we have already earned over 75% of the budgeted income from investment earnings. This policy could change with the economic situation."

Cannon continued, "I pledge to continue to maintain the town's records in an accurate and orderly fashion. I have instituted the purchase order system and initiated the Fixed Asset Inventory.

We are trying to identify the best approach to automation. The town has outgrown hand-posting, but is still too small to own and operate a computer system. We are currently evaluating comparative data for time sharing with a local firm versus the use of a service bureau which now processes our payroll.

He concluded, "I have and will continue to attend all meetings of the Board of Finance as well as supplying them and all commissions monthly expenditure reports."

Regionalization Report Causes Dissatisfaction

By Andi Phelps

Southwick. Local residents expressed dissatisfaction at the presentation of the regional school study committee at a public hearing held last Thursday. Townspeople felt they had been shown no negative aspects of proposed regionalization and plan to form their own "committee" to determine more facts.

Regional study committee chairman James Putnam and member Jeffrey Youens emphasized the "unique" situation in which no construction or change in actual school situation would be necessary.

Regionalization in this case was a "political move" allowing Southwick and Tolland to take advantage of available state funds. The only significant change would be from two separate school committees to one joint seven-member board with Tolland having a minimum of two representatives.

School Superintendent Louis Josselyn explained the state's offer several years ago of financial incentive to small towns which formed regional set-ups. According to Josselyn, Southwick would be coming in at the tail end of the trend and probably would not have another chance to regionalize.

Youens declared the regionalization concept was devised to keep more state education funds into smaller towns and away from big cities like Boston. About \$42 million is annually appropriated by the state for regional school systems, and proponents of the plan believe Southwick should have its share.

"If we had regionalized last year," Youens said, "we would have received about \$681,000 from the state and it seems silly to refuse funds on a matter of principle."

He also pointed out that state funds through regionalization could supplement the towns' monies for increased salaries and major repairs that will be necessary in the near future.

Speaking as the only dissenting member of the study committee, Selectman Vivian Brown said here have "got to be problems" with regionalization, but no one had been shown any as yet. She felt an entirely new committee should have been appointed to visit other regional systems to discover exactly what was occurring and if any problems faced by others were applicable to the local situation.

Mrs. Brown also declared she did not "trust the state" regarding financial reimbursement.

Many residents in attendance were undecided on the issue but felt the study committee was trying to "sell regionalization to the people." According to resident Dick Grannells, the committee had "done only half a job" of investigating the issue without uncovering any negative aspects.

Josselyn admitted having difficulty finding negative aspects as the situation in Southwick-Tolland was different from most. He said he thought most people were against the regionalization because they didn't want anyone "tinkering with their little kingdom."

Resident Jeffrey Rogers, who had been involved in the Gateway regional system, said when the state "dangles a carrot" townspeople had been take a good look as the state usually wants something in return.

Les Carpenter, who has worked for the schools through the Booster Organization To Save Our Schools (BOSS), voiced what appeared to be a common opinion that he was "scared" but didn't know of what. He and others felt the committee would sell their proposal more easily if all the facts, positive and negative, were presented.

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Russell Fox Declares Candidacy

Southwick. Russell S. Fox of 65 Davis Road has released the following statement regarding his candidacy for selectman in Southwick.

"On Tuesday, October 27th, the voters of Southwick will be asked to decide between three candidates to fill the position of selectman.

I feel very strongly that my experience and education in town government and management will be of benefit to the Town of Southwick and its taxpayers.

As a member of the Finance Committee, I, along with others, had to face head-on the complexity of the budgets under Proposition 2½. The decisions were definitely not easy, but they had to be made.

It is this type of experience, I believe, that is a must for a person stepping into the role of selectman at this time. It is quite easy to talk about decisions, but there is a big difference when it comes to making decisions.

Having grown up in Southwick and also operating a family business in Southwick, I hope it shows to the voters that my roots and commitments are in the town. As selectman, I would work to preserve Southwick's proud heritage. I believe this is a very important point when discussing the future growth of our community.

Without concrete policies, objectives, and planning, Southwick is sure to run into trouble down the road. I absolutely know that little steps taken now will definitely pay off in large savings in the future.

I would like to end by saying that Tuesday's election is very important, and with three candidates running, it figures to be a very close one. At this time, I would urge all voters to make a special effort to go to the polls and cast their ballot. Any support given to me would be greatly appreciated."

Fox is a lifelong resident of Southwick, a 1975 graduate of Southwick High, and a graduate of Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Jackie Morgan Seeks School Board Seat

Suffield. Jackie Morgan, candidate for the Suffield Board of Education, sees the problem facing that group in the next six years to have to do with "declining enrollment and maintaining quality services in a conservative era."

"Not everyone will be happy with every decision," she stated. "All we can do is try our best under the particular circumstances."

She continued, "I would like us to look for more diversified teachers, ones who could teach more than one subject such as math and science or French and Spanish. I would also like to see more and better communication between the Board of Education and the parents."

She concluded by declaring, "Finally, I have the goal of seeing a new contract with the teachers successfully negotiated."

Council For Children Seeks New Members

The Westfield Area Council for Children is currently recruiting new members from Agawam, Southwick, Westfield, West Springfield and the hill towns. The council is looking for people who are concerned about issues which affect children and their families and for those who would like to volunteer to advocate for children's rights to education and human services.

The Council plans projects based on a local needs assessment, a community review of a local residential home for adolescents, and a series of proposal reviews for services to children and families.

If you have free time and would like to receive valuable training in community work, call the council office at (413) 562-5014.



CARL GLANS, currently serving the town on the Board of Education, has thrown his hat into the ring for the seat as First Selectman.

Lloyd Declares For Suffield Selectman

Howard Lloyd, candidate for selectman in Suffield, in announcing his entrance into the race promises to work for all town officials, town employees, boards and commissions in an "atmosphere of mutual respect."

"I will work with and encourage volunteer groups which serve the town, such as the Fire Department, Ambulance Service, and Emergency Aid Association," Lloyd said.

He continued, "I will work for sound business practices in the operation of town government. I will work to provide essential services at the lowest possible cost in order to maintain an attractive tax rate."

"I will work with and for all the people of Suffield," he concluded.



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Glans In Running For 1st Selectman

Suffield. Carl Glans, candidate for Suffield First Selectman, has declared it is time to "stop ignoring and usurping the power of the boards and commissions."

Glans stated, "We need to get rid of government run on gut reactions and political considerations. We need leadership, not bossism. Let's put professionalism into Town Hall."

Glans has been a professional business administrator for 25 years. He said, "I am committed to eradicating the need to continuously call Town Meetings for special appropriations. We will have a sound list of priorities, stay within the approved budget and discourage supplementary appropriations. I will budget all trucks, sweepers, cruisers, and money for the Highway Department. I may suggest a referendum for approval of the priority list of major projects."

Glans also promises to enforce existing regulations, recommending exceptions to the proper authority rather than permitting them.

He continued, "Another Spencer Property offer will be given over to the Conservation Commission and other interested groups for consideration. I will work with the Emergency Aid, not disrupt their process of giving the community needed services in the name of consolidation."

Glans went on, "I will act promptly on those things passed at town meetings. I will do those things that I have publicly stated I will do. I will not promise things as the present administration did at a town meeting where they promised to act as prime contractor on the Bruce Park project and then reneged by not giving the Recreation Commission quotes for the job thereby not saving the money promised in that meeting."

Glans concluded his statement by saying, "I will not usurp the power of the boards and commissions, rather I will coordinate their efforts and carry out their policies."

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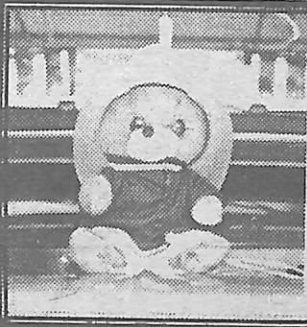
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Townfolk

Fashion Fundraiser



Ginger Romane, Priscilla Wabrek, and Armata Jeanne of the Suffield Women's Club make centerpieces for tables to be used at their luncheon/fashion show set for October 27th for the benefit of improvements in the Hatheway House Barn. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.



Views From The Volunteers

By Lt. Ed Pepe
Southwick Fire Dept.

How safe is your home? How many hot spots do you have?

In the next few weeks, we will look through your home room by room to find these hot spots. This week we will start with the attic or crawlspace above the ceiling.

The first place to look is where the chimney comes through the ceiling. Is there plenty of air space around the brick? Are there cracks or leaks? Make sure nothing is touching the chimney as even metal can cause a fire.

If you have a metal chimney, be extra careful of leaks as they provide an air flow for the heat and fire.

The other hot spot we must take care of is the insulation. We are told to put a lot of material in the attic, but please keep it away from the electrical boxes. Pay particular notice to the boxes above the ceiling lights as these develop heat enough to start a fire.

Save Congamond Lakes Halloween Party

Southwick: The Save The Congamond Lakes organization is sponsoring its second annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31st. The party will be held at The Brass Rail at 901 Point Grove Road.

Games, raffles, and prizes will be features of the evening.

Tickets may be obtained at the door or by calling 569-3517 or 569-6372. Donation is \$5.00.

B.O.S.S. Spaghetti Supper

Southwick: On Saturday October 31, 1981, The B.O.S.S. (Boost Our Southwick Schools) Booster Club will sponsor a spaghetti and meatball dinner to benefit the extracurricular activities fund.

Dinner will be served from 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion post 338, Powdermill Road, Southwick, Mass.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling Ginny Typrowicz at 569-3657.

Health Conference Slated

"Participate In Your Own Health" is the theme of the fall 1981 conference of the Connecticut Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

This one-day conference is open to professionals in the above mentioned specialties and to the general public as well.

Central Connecticut State College will host the conference with all sessions slated for the campus fieldhouse on October 30th from 8 to 3:30. Keynote speaker will be nationally known physical educator Faye Biles, Ph.D.

Conference registration fee will be \$5 for the public and \$15 for professionals interested in joining the association.

Turnverein Plans Bazaar

The Springfield Turnverein, Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a fall bazaar on November 14th, beginning at 10 a.m.

Handicrafts, Christmas decorations, children's items, white elephant objects, plants, and cakes will be available along with reams of paper pads.

Cake and coffee will be available. An evening dinner-dance and sing along to the music of Oktoberfest entertainer Peter Frey is planned as well.

For dinner reservations, call (413) 592-4218 or (413) 0924 by November 11th. All are welcome.

If you have windows in your attic, be careful what you put in front of them as the sun gets very hot coming through the glass. Inspect your eave trough heaters and electrical roof heater. During the summer, the wires good have been damaged and cause a short a short circuit. Make sure they a plugged into the proper size circuit as an overload could melt more than ice.

Other places to look are the lights in the attic. All lamps should have shades to prevent anything from touching the bulb.

Please take these suggestions and check your attic. It could save a lot of trouble for you and help reduce the number of fires we have.

Have you put up a clearly visible house number yet? Don't wait until we can't find your house when you need us.

Suffield Calendar Of Events

Sponsored By Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library

Oct. 26: Fire drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse; Commission Heads meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall; Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church Hall

Oct. 27: AARP, 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Hall; Free blood pressure clinic, 4-6 p.m., Emergency Aid Bldg; Rotary, 6 p.m., Suffield Inn; Suffield Women's Club luncheon & fashion show, Oak Ridge C.C., Feeding Hills, 12:30; Boy Scout Troop 260, 7 p.m., St. Joseph's Hall; League of Women Voters Candidates Night, 7:30 p.m., Kent Library; Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30, Town Hall; Knights of Columbus, 8:15, Sacred Heart Hall

Oct. 28: Thrift Shop, 35 Mountain Rd., open 10-3:30 Wed. & Thurs. & Fri. and Sat. 10-1; Co-op Program, 7:30, library; Recreation Comm. Meeting, 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Suffield Republican Comm., 7:30, Town Hall

Oct. 29: Holy Name Society Bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's; Oct. 31: Pumpkin Painting, Grades K-5, 10:30, library

Nov. 1: Library open 1-4:30 p.m.

Kent Library Activities

Food cooperatives are a popular method of meeting today's inflationary prices and receiving high quality produce in the bargain. The Kent Memorial Library is offering a special program for those interested in how to plan this alternative approach.

Marcia Carpenter operates a food coop in the area and has much experience in this form of purchasing. She will discuss her area of expertise on Wednesday, October 28th, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The library invites children in grades K through 5 to a pumpkin painting session. Children should bring a pumpkin and their imaginations, and the library will provide the paint and prizes. The movie "A Cricket in Times Square" will be shown during judging. Pumpkin painting will be done on October 31st from 10:30 to 11:30. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Alexandre Dumas' *The Count of Monte Cristo* will be the next topic in the library's book discussion group. This is both an exciting adventure story and a brilliant study of hatred and revenge. Copies are available at the library and the group will meet to discuss it on Thursday, November 5th, at 7 p.m. The group is free and open to all.

For more information on any of these programs, call the library at (203) 668-2325.

Council On Arts Presents Aida Operalouge

Suffield. On October 29th at 7:30 p.m., a presentation of an operalouge of *Aida* will be sponsored by the Suffield Council for the Arts at the Kent Memorial Library on Main Street.

Bill Harrington from Simsbury will tell the story of *Aida* and play selected music from the Verdi opera. The program is free for anyone who has purchased a ticket to *Aida* to be presented October 30th.

A few selected \$17.50 seat tickets are left. For reservations, call Yerti Nelson, Mapleton Avenue, 668-5298.

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The Library Link

By Eugene Biggio

We're just upon election time so a word or two on library materials dealing with political affairs seems in order.

The library has recently received the gift of the new reference work *American Political Badges and Medalets, 1789-1892* from its author Dr. Edmund B. Sullivan of Suffield. The work is a comprehensive and well-illustrated study of political medals and tokens, early brass lapel buttons and brooches, imaginative shell badges and photographic pieces. It will be of great interest and use to specialists in the subject and anyone following American campaign history.

Also in the reference department is William Safire's *Political Dictionary*. As a reference source or just in simple browsing, this work makes fascinating and often humorous reading.

On the more didactic side, *The Almanac of American Politics* offers a complete listing of national and state elected officials with biographical information, election history and data on many of their positions and accomplishments.

In recent months, the library has also received two books that offer analyses of the current political scene. Everett Ladd's *Where Have All The Voters Gone?* is a study of the decline of the strength and power and of the political parties. Jeff Greenfield wrote a popular book on campaign style called *Playing To Win*. He calls it an insider's guide, and although often tongue-in-cheek, it does say interesting things.

Also new are several biographies of well known political figures: *Edith and Woodrow*, a presidential romance by Tom Shachtman; *Bess and Harry: an American Love Story*, by Jhan Robbins; *Lyndon: an oral biography*, by Merle Miller; and *Abbie Hoffman's autobiography Soon to be a Major Motion Picture*.

There are also some fairly recent acquisitions in the area of political satire. Robert Coover's short but entertaining *Political Fable* is available on the new bookshelf. And there are three books of political cartoons: *Herblock on All Fronts*, by Herb Block; *The Art of David Levine*, and Gary Trudeau's *Doonesbury's Greatest Hits* (plus many of his paperbacks).

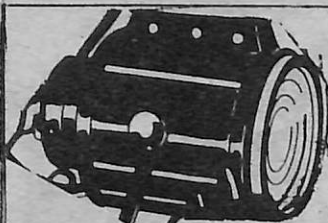
The library owns many more items in this area, of course, and for a more complete selection, inquire at the library reference desk.

Rotary Sponsors Vacation Raffle

Suffield. Only 250 tickets are being offered in the \$1,000 vacation raffle sponsored by the Rotary Club of Suffield for the benefit of the Rotary Scholarship Fund. The winner chooses the destination and travel arrangements will be made through Gardner International Travel, Suffield.

The drawing will take place on Tuesday, December 22nd, at 7 p.m. at the Suffield Inn. The winner need not be present.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from local Rotarians, at Mark Drug on Mountain Road, or at the Pilgrim Barber Shop, Suffield Village.



SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

A Christmas party for all seniors over 60 will be held at Ovid's. Please bring a gift for a retarded child and a gift to exchange if you wish. Price is \$3.50 for members' and \$6 for non-members. Entertainment will be provided.

CLASSES SCHEDULED

Mon., Oct. 26: Knitting, 1-3:30 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 28: Quilting, 1-3:00 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 29: Ceramics 1-3:30 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 30: 1-3:30 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 26: Stuffed pepper w/sauce, whipped potato, green beans, sliced peaches

Tues., Oct. 27: Beef vegetable stew, tossed salad, chocolate cake w/frosting

Wed., Oct. 28: Chicken filet, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh pear

Thurs., Oct. 29: Swedish meatballs, whipped potato, butternut squash, pineapple chunks

Fri., Oct. 30: Chicken & gravy, baked potato, peas & onions, cranberry sauce, birthday cake.

Senior Halloween Party

Suffield. A Halloween party for any senior citizen of Suffield will be held at Maple Court, Bridge Street, at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26th.

Anyone interested may call 668-0238. Please bring or wear a mask.



JAMES BERTRAM recently celebrated the 41st anniversary of his 39th birthday

Celebrating the 41st anniversary of his 39th birthday recently was James Bertram of Depot Court, Southwick.

Jim had been expecting his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Bertram, to take him out to dinner and was pleasantly surprised to find the rest of his family at the restaurant to help him celebrate this momentous occasion.

The birthday party was coordinated jointly by Richard and Mary, who live in Belchertown, and by Jim's daughter and son-in-law Marion and Bill Reiss of Riverside, California, who had flown home for the special event.

The party was attended by granddaughter Cindy Weber and her husband Ed and children, grandson Rick Bertram and Sandy Crough, Jim's brother Ed and niece Alice Frasco, and Jim's neighbor and friend from Depot Court, Nellie Patterson.

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Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott

It is not without emotion that Raymond Potter says that he wouldn't trade the past 43 years of his life as a fireman for anything else in the world.

Our scrapbook is dedicated to Mr. Potter this week as he retires from the Suffield Volunteer Fire Department after serving as its chief for 28 years.

It is evident that working for the fire department was more than a job to Ray: his wife Lavinia (Vin) calls it his "life and love." She adds that she, as well as Ray, got back as much as they gave. Vin also agrees with Ray that they have made many wonderful friends around the country because of his involvement with the department.

Ray served as president of the New England Division of Fire Chiefs, a noted accomplishment in this international organization for a chief of a town the size of Suffield. Because of his membership in this group, he and Vin have traveled to many major cities throughout the country for annual conventions, and have found San Francisco and Seattle to be their favorites.

Ray enjoyed the conventions not only for the travel, but also for the experiences of meeting members of fire departments around the world, including those from the Fiji Islands, Africa, Japan and South America, some in unique uniforms.

The Fire Cadet Program was begun by Ray about ten years ago, and a few of the cadets are now regular firemen. He has served as Civil Defense Director, Energy Coordinator for Suffield, as a member of the Department of Environmental Resources, and also of the Hartford County Chapter of the Fire Emergency Plan. As Vin verifies, "You name it, he was on it."

Vin also reveals that Ray had another unofficial position which only the women who worked at McAlister School knew about. Ray often dropped into the kitchen where Vin was manager to be an "official taster" of whatever goodies the women had prepared for lunch that day. Ray misses that opportunity now that Vin has retired as that was one duty he really enjoyed.

Ray recalls that as a child he saw two of his own homes destroyed by fire. One was struck by lightning and the other burned down on New Year's Day when his grandfather accidentally misused a blow torch on some frozen water pipes. These were among his first recollections of fire.

Over the 43 years, many serious fires have occurred, one of which stands out in Ray's mind from about twenty years ago when lightning struck two barns and a home on opposite sides of town at the



RAYMOND POTTER

same time. Because there was not enough water and trucks, neither could be saved.

There was also a fire on a New Year's Eve in Suffield that destroyed a country club as well as Ray and Vin's celebration plans for that evening. They remember many social occasions they have had to miss at the last minute because a fire interrupted their plans. Ironically, these occasions included several firemen's balls!

Ray has seen Suffield's fire department grow from a single station to its many stations including the one in the Congamond area which Ray credits for saving many cottages.

"Before then we would lose the cottages because we couldn't get there in time and the fire blossomed," he says. Now he says that if men get a running start, they can save anything.

One of the changes Ray has seen in firefighting has not been for the better. Because of the great increase in chemicals and plastics in our lives, men have to be very cautious about entering burning buildings because of possible toxic fumes. They cannot risk going in and inhaling smoke as they once could.

Besides having performed the serious function of saving several lives, Ray recalls one of the more amusing rescues he was involved with. A horse had fallen into a septic tank hole and, though uninjured, could not get out. Ray chuckles when remembering the difficulty men had extracting the horse and the good time they had joking around. A wrecker was finally called to lift the horse out.

Ray has also answered call to remove birds, snakes, and skunks from homes along with countless calls to remove cats from trees. All in a day's work.

Ray has taught firemanship to boys scouts for thirty years, awarding those earning merit badges when they complete their training with him. One of the boys in his troop was Toby Moffett, present Congressman for the state of Connecticut.

Ray and Vin have been married almost fifty years and have two children - Elizabeth, who lives in Enfield, and Larry, who came from California to attend Ray's retirement party.

Tom Bellmore, the new fire chief, calls Ray a person who was dedicated totally to his job. "He has done over and above his responsibility as chief to the town. Ray was always willing to help anyone whether it was fire department-related or not," Bellmore stresses.

Perhaps this is why Ray recently found his mailbox filled with letters and pictures of fire trucks and firemen. They were from the first and second graders of Bridge Street School, who wrote to tell Ray they will miss his periodic visits to the school.

Ray had one last word of advice for people who want to prevent a fire in their home: "Keep it clean - clean houses don't burn like those with a lot of papers and trash around."

Ray will still be connected with the station in the role of consultant to Tom Bellmore. Ray will also continue to serve as fire marshal.

Lots of little boys say they dream of becoming firemen, but Ray Potter did and Suffield has been the town blessed from his lifetime commitment to a job very well done.

Thank you, Mr. Potter.

Firesafe Ideas

By the Suffield Firemen's Association, Inc.



Halloween is a time of celebration for all, especially children. Help to keep this holiday season happy and safe by observing the following simple safety reminders.

1. Light your jack-o-lanterns with flashlights, not candles.

2. All decorations, paper, and cloth, should be flame-retardant.

3. Never cover light bulbs with paper or other combustible material.

4. Be sure all costumes are made of flame-retardant paper or fabric.

5. Be certain all "goblins" are visible to others and can see others themselves.

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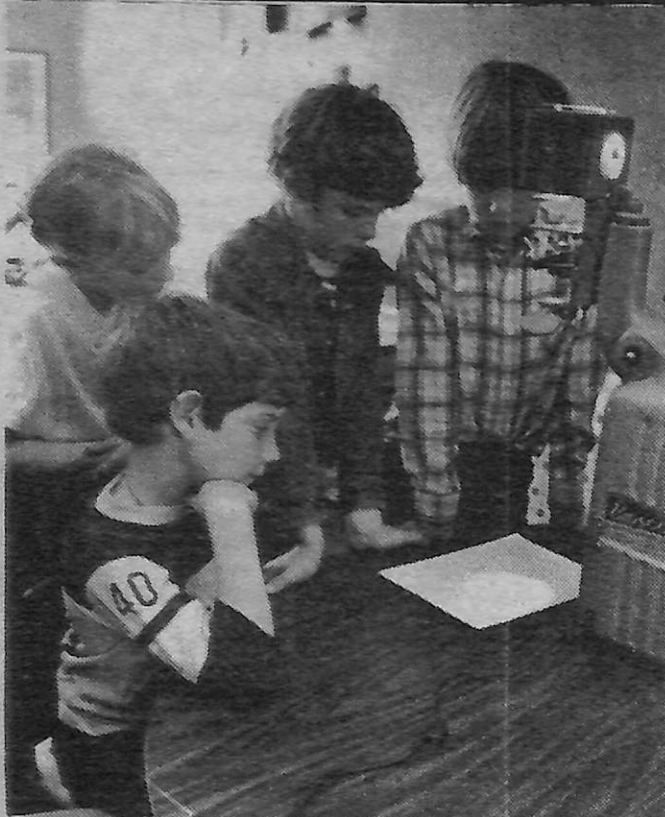
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School News



Mark Fitzgerald, Cynthia Zolad, Mike Straite, and Chris Moore, all students in the Talented and Gifted Program at Spaulding School, inspect a bioscope in preparation for an upcoming lesson. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

TAG Program Enriches Students

By Lil Devin

The Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) at McAlister Middle School and Spaulding School is an enrichment program based on student ability and interest, says Martha Simpson, the program's facilitator.

Approximately 150 students at the two Suffield schools participate in the program, which operates in grades 3-8. According to Ms. Simpson, the students who participate in the TAG program are not an elite group of children. They are simply creative children with above average ability and task commitment.

Jaycees Sponsor Halloween Parade

William Steinka, president of the Suffield Jaycees, has announced that his organization will again sponsor the Children's Halloween Parade and Party. Carl Bagge and David Quagliaroli will co-chair this project.

All children are invited to march in the parade and participate in the games and costume contest. Refreshments will be served.

The parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th, at 6 p.m. starting from the Town Hall. Parents and children are asked to arrive about fifteen minutes early.

Highlight of the parade will be the infamous Great Pumpkin and the Suffield High School Band led by Mr. Raymond Tanguay.

It's a Fact!

A young woman turned six shallot bulbs into a thriving business and a \$1,000 college scholarship. The young woman, Gretchen Harty, planted those bulbs and they produced 500 pounds of shallots. Her yield steadily increased to 1,500 pounds a year, and in 1980 made her one of the eight youngsters to receive a National 4-H Gardening Program scholarship. Meanwhile, the demand for her shallots by six Portland, Oregon firms is quickly turning Ms. Harty into a young business tycoon. She plans to double the size of her crop to keep pace with the growing demand.

About 25% of the student population participates in the three-year-old program which is broken down into three stages. Type I enrichment consists of experiences and activities designed to bring students into contact with their special areas of interest. Outside speakers visit the program regularly to share their expertise in the areas of law, veterinary services, shell collecting, and so on.

Type II enrichment encourages students to think more creatively. Problem solving, listening skills, and time management are also taught to the children. In addition, it introduces students to more advanced studies.

Type III enrichment is operated on a revolving door method. Students are free to participate on this level when and if they wish to. It consists of activities whereby students become actual investigators of real problems or topics of interest. In the past, students have researched the stock market, photography techniques, and how to set up small businesses.

Ms. Simpson explains that TAG students tend to "tackle bigger projects" more often than other students and gain a great deal of confidence in the process. Still, she insists that they are not snobbish intellectuals but really just highly motivated, creative children.

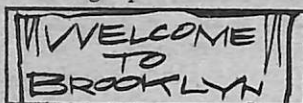
Participants in the program are chosen from results of the California Achievement Test and through teacher recommendations. There is a continual screening process taking place since there is no constant measure of talent. Students can also recommend themselves for the program or be recommended by parents or peers.

Ms. Simpson stresses the fact that all children and adults are gifted in one way or another and sees the TAG program not as an elitist club but as a program which expands thinking and learning.

Other teachers in the two schools have taken some aspects of the program and expanded on it in their own classrooms, giving all students some exposure to the TAG program.

Parents have been a great help to the program as well, says Ms. Simpson. In addition to providing typing skills and community outreach, they have become student mentors and have produced several issues of a parent newsletter.

Above average ability, task commitment, and creativity have allowed TAG students to expand their thinking and to explore areas of interest more thoroughly.



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Tues., Oct. 27: Frankfurt in roll, oven-browned potatoes, vegetarian beans, orange sections
Wed., Oct. 28: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas, ice cream
Thurs., Oct. 29: French bread pizza, tossed salad, fruit cup
Fri., Oct. 30: Ham grinder, cup of peaches, pumpkin cake.

Safety Suggestions

By Lt. Robert Williams
Suffield Police Department

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

Suffield: Here are a few safety suggestions for the up-coming Halloween week-end.

Parents should make sure their children are wearing costumes they can manage on their own. Something they can walk in, see out of and be seen in. Most homes have a couple of steps to the front door, therefore, it is important that the child be able to walk in his costume. Masks should provide visibility in all directions, not just in front. Costumes should be seen by passing vehicles. Put reflectorized tape on dark colored material and make sure the child is carrying a flashlight with strong (new) batteries in it. If the child is young, a parent or older child should accompany them as they go trick-or-treating. Older children should know not to horse-play in the streets; not to smash pumpkins in the road or put other items in the road. Also, they should be warned to not push one another while walking on the side of the road.

Advise your children to go only to the homes of people they know. If you are welcoming the trick or treaters to your house please make sure you have some lights on, especially around the steps and door where the children will be walking.

When your children return from trick-or-treating, go through the treats they have collected. If any of the treats look like they have been tampered with, that is if the wrappings are opened or if the fruit received looks like something is wrong with it, throw it out or cut it into small piece to make sure there is nothing in it. If you are unsure, throw it away. Have a happy and safe Halloween.

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If you've wondered why we have funerals, you may be interested in the program entitled, "Values of the Funeral."

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Fri., Oct. 30: Pepperoni & cheese pizza, Popeye salad, fruited whip/topping, milk

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Monday: Frankfurt in roll, potato rounds, chilled fruit, milk
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Wednesday: Baked ravioli w/meat sauce, shredded cheese, Popeye salad, French bread & butter, cherry rello w/topping, milk
Thursday: Tomato rice soup, tunaburger on roll, lettuce, carrot, celery sticks, chilled fruit, milk
Friday: Witches Brew apple juice, Dracula's Dream pizza, Frankenstein Salad tossed salad, Goblin's Surprise dessert, Ghost Juice milk.

**Kanine Korner**

By Jeff & Marti Webster
 Suffield Dog Officers

Help save a life! Keep your dog under control. The laws covering dogs in Connecticut and Massachusetts are basically the same, only the enforcement is different.

Section 22-364 of the State Statutes of Connecticut reads that "no owner or keeper of any dog shall allow such dog to roam at large upon the land of another and not under control of the owner or keeper or agent of the owner or keeper, nor allow such dog to roam at large on any portion of any public highway."

In Suffield, we are again having a real problem with dogs roaming. There isn't a week that goes by that we don't have to go out and scrape a dog off the highway. Also in the past week, I've had a case of a dog dying from garbage poisoning when it was out roaming and ate some bad or rotten garbage and died.

If people really cared about their animals, they would keep them under control and not let them get run over by cars or into garbage cans. 99% of the dogs in Suffield that are killed by cars and trucks have no identification.

Roaming dogs cause a lot of damage which can range from knocking over garbage cans, killing small animals, ruining flower beds and gardens, to causing car accidents as the drivers try to miss the dogs.

In Conn., the law stipulates that any damage caused by a dog is the responsibility of the owner of said dog. IF damage to livestock is done by the dog and the owner of the dog is not located, then we, the taxpayers, are stuck with the bill, and the State pays the damages.

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Woodland School Library Needs Volunteers

By Andi Phelps

Southwick. Barbara Morse wasn't concerned about losing her library job at Woodland School because of 2½. "They can't fire me," she replied to a questioner, "I don't get paid."

This is her fourth year doing volunteer work for this town's elementary school students.

Even with the tighter budget and increased enrollment at Woodland, the library continues to operate four days a week with a strictly volunteer staff. Although the budget hasn't been cut, the library is very much understaffed, according to Mrs. Morse. She is "recruiting friends" and hopes that anyone interested will contact the school.

"We really need all the help we can get," she said.

The Woodland Library has operated for several years with only a volunteer staff. Originally, it was located in a storage closet and then moved to a classroom. This year, the classroom is being used by third graders so the library, with the cooperation and assistance of Principal Louis Crawford, has been relocated to a corner of the cafeteria.

Three years ago, when the library was moved into a classroom, Crawford requested help from Barbara in organizing books into the Dewey decimal system, card catalog and all. Barbara recalls it being "quite a job" to organize approximately 4,000 books with three to six cards for each waiting to be typed.

This year, the staff was given the task of separating books from Consolidated School and incorporating about half of them into the Woodland library. Fourth-grade level books were sent to Powder Mill School. A considerable amount of additional typing and repairing of books was required for those new entries from Consolidated.

With the inclusion of the third grade at Woodland, all classrooms are now in use. Crawford made space in the cafeteria and arranged to set up book shelves as dividers to allow for privacy. The library staff moved books, set up the new library facility, and even painted the shelves themselves.

At first, according to Mrs. Morse, the staff felt concerned over possible lack of control over the students because of distractions in the cafeteria, but the new location has worked out very well. They are visible to students all day long, reminding them of their availability. The only real drawback is having to close down while lunches are served from 11:30 to 1:00.

Mrs. Morse has two able assistants this year in the persons of Pam Morse and Gail Redfern. These two able women have put in many hours in organizing other volunteers and in working themselves.

Pam and Gail hold story hours for kindergarteners who do not borrow from the library yet and they help in teaching older students how to use the card catalog and other resources in the library.

With many more books and over 100 additional students Mrs. Morse feels at least ten more volunteers are needed besides the eight they already have. Individuals do not need to have children attending Woodland to help out, and mothers of pre-schoolers may even be able to arrange to bring their younger children with them while they work.

Southwick elementary children are fortunate to have such a library facility and these few dedicated women who staff it. Anyone interested in helping to keep it going may contact the school for further information. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to encourage children to explore the world of books.

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Suffield the "SQUEEKY"

by: **Stu Fuller**
 Guidance Chairperson
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Mrs. Jean Anderson, our resident expert on college admissions, felt we should share some information she discovered in a recent publication from the College Board, the folks who are major providers of college entrance tests otherwise known as SAT's and PSAT's.

In a "Message To Parents" the College Board cautioned that the whole process of college application and testing should be kept in perspective. Special emphasis was made that such tests measure only certain developed abilities and do not consider motivation, activities, and so on.

It further noted that such measurements are not precise and there are no absolute standards for good or bad scores.

The message went on to state that parents can help more by making sure their son or daughter doesn't forget the details of applying to college, especially meeting deadlines for everything from test registration to mailing an application. Parents can help see that their son or daughter doesn't forget any of the practical details of taking the test.

For instance, they can remind students to do all the following: Before the test, register five weeks before test date (deadlines appear in Student Bulletin) PSAT's are now being registered for at SHS.

Enclose a check or money order for the correct fee (PSAT fees are paid to SHS, while SAT's are paid directly to the College Board Service.)

On the day of the test, take the admission ticket, or receipt, two number two pencils, a watch, if possible, to the test center. Get to the test center by 8:30 for PSAT's.

An interesting memorandum from the National Association of Secondary School Principals indicates that "almost 80% of (college) applicants to public and private college will be accepted." The memo goes on to note that the "secondary school record, high school grades, and rank-in-class were seen as MORE important than test scores by nearly all of the institutions responding" to a recent survey, which is 56% of all institutions solicited.

SENIOR UPDATE: News continues to roll in regarding seniors' plans after graduation. Janet Jolie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jolie of 1230 Ratley Road, West Suffield, bubbling over her acceptance into Western New England College; Norm LeBlanc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman LeBlanc, 19 South Grand St., West Suffield, is on a delayed entry program with the U.S. Navy; and Ken Bigos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bigos of 632 Hale Street, plans a July 6th entry into the U.S. Air Force's Instrumental Mechanics Program.

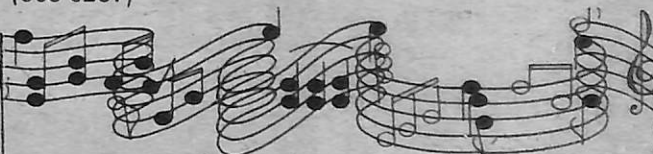
Don't forget, be sure to read Mr. Hagan's Southwick guidance report weekly, as well as this column. Between the two of us, there's lots of oil for the old "squeaky wheels."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 26: Hartford College for Women, 10 a.m.; Assumption College, Worcester, 11:30
 Oct. 27: Briarwood College, Southington, 8:30; Bay Path Jr. College, Longmeadow, 9:00
 Oct. 31: PSAT - registered students should report to the main hallway at SHS by 8:30 a.m. Good Luck!

Learn To Skate

Suffield: There are still openings in the Saturday morning "Learn to Skate" program co-sponsored by the Suffield Flyers and the Recreation Department. The program has already begun but will run for eight more weeks at a cost of \$18.00 per child. Children of any age are eligible. Lessons will be held at the Enfield Twin Rinks in Enfield from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. Anyone interested may call the Recreation Office (668-0237)



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Southwick Guidance Report

By Bernard Hagan

The PSAT/NMSQT or Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Qualifying Test is being offered to all Southwick High juniors at 8 a.m. Saturday, October 31st, at Southwick High. The cost of this test will be \$5.25.

More than one million high school students are planning to take this test. You will find the experience of taking this test and the resulting information useful for a variety of reasons.

You will find out how you rank among juniors across the country on the verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities measured by this test. You can also compare your test performance with that of a nationwide group of students planning to enter college. PSAT/NMSQT scores are an impartial assessment of your ability to do college work. This assessment may be helpful to you as you discuss your future education and choices with your school counselor or parents.

You can look at the PSAT/NMSQT as a preview of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) which is required for admission to many colleges. The PSAT/NMSQT scores can be used to estimate your probable performance on the SAT. Also, practice on questions like those on the SAT and under similar conditions may give you greater confidence in approaching the SAT.

The PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying test for students who wish to participate in the nationwide competitions conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Program and the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

It will also give you the chance to participate in the Student Search Service of the College Board. Many students who participated in the service in the past years received materials from colleges or other post-secondary institutions giving them information about educational and financial aid opportunities that you might not have learned about otherwise.

COLLEGE REP'S VISITING SOUTHWICK HIGH
Oct. 26: Castleton State College, Castleton, Vermont;
Bay Path Jr. College, Longmeadow
Oct. 27: St. Michael's College, Winooski, VT
Oct. 29: Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA

Stamp Collecting Old Hobby In U.S.

One of the single most important improvements in the history of the Postal Service in America occurred in 1847 when adhesive stamps were adopted for use as prepayment of postage.

Prior to that time, letters accepted by postmasters for dispatch were marked "Paid" by means of pen and ink or hand stamps of various design. Such letters usually contained the town postmark and the mailing date.

Some postmasters, in order to facilitate the handling of mail, provided special stamps or other devices for use on letters as evidence of the prepayment of postage. These local stamps became known as "Postmasters Provisionals."

On January 1, 1856, the use of adhesive stamps issued by the government became mandatory, and it wasn't long afterward that the hobby of stamp collecting began.

America's first adhesive stamps, issued on July 1, 1847, featured a portrait of Benjamin Franklin on a five-cent and one of George Washington on a 10-cent stamp. Since those first two postage stamps were issued, Franklin and Washington have appeared on more U.S. stamps than any other persons.

Issues bearing the likeness of these two prominent Americans can be found in most stamp collections. Today, there are more than 22 million stamp collectors in the United States alone.

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Parents Anonymous Offers Help

By Claudia Scott

Being a parent is not an easy job. You want to do your best and be a good one, but sometimes it's just too much.

The kids won't listen. The kids talk back. The kids demand attention when you have other things to think about. The kids cry a lot. They don't understand that you want to cry also. The kids won't stop misbehaving and are getting out of control. You lose control. You don't know what to do.

So you abuse them. It doesn't help.

Parent Anonymous of the Greater Westfield area can help. It is a non-profit, self-help support group for parents who feel they are not coping well with the stresses of being a parent. It is for parents who are abusing their children psychologically or physically. It is for parents who wish to develop better ways to deal with their anger.

The purpose of Parents Anonymous is to give parents a private place to talk freely about their feelings, to explore various ideas relating to their children and to work at changing attitudes on tackling old problems.

Some of the many reasons people come to Parents Anonymous are because they are parents who often see their children's behavior as something planned to annoy or sometimes can't stand being with their children.

Other reasons include having had parents who treated them indifferently or cruelly, winding up yelling and screaming at the children most of the time, having few or no people they can reach out to, not being able to stop their spouse from hurting their children, or tending to expect too much from their children at too young of an age.

Participation in a Parents Anonymous group is voluntary, free and confidential.

In Westfield, the group meets on Thursdays for two hours. The location is confidential and can be obtained by contacting the sponsor, Edith Casey. Only first names need be given and the group maintains strict confidentiality among members, using guidelines similar to those of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Edith, a mother of four and a retired nurse, decided to sponsor the Parents Anonymous group after doing a report on it for a course at Springfield College. She realized that child abuse is much more prevalent than our society cares to admit.

Because she also believes that only a very few parents are actually cruel, Edith sees Parents Anonymous "as a place for frustrated parents to sort out their hurting and painful experiences of the past and to find someone who cares about them and who is on their side."

Parents Anonymous does not have any magic cures, but it does have the common goal of helping one another.

If you are a parent who feels that you could benefit from Parents Anonymous, don't hesitate to call Edith at (413) 562-5014. Remember, it is all confidential and everyone there understands.

If you have an immediate problem and want to talk to someone before you hurt your child or yourself, call this hotline: 1-800-332-9698 or 1-800-792-5200. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The first stamp exhibition was held in 1852 in Brussels, according to some philatelic sources. This one-man show was arranged by Phillippe Vandermaelen, a Belgian geographer.

The Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum in Weston, Mass., a suburb of Boston, is considered to have one of the most complete stamp collections in the United States. Dedicated in 1964, the museum is located on the campus of Regis College.



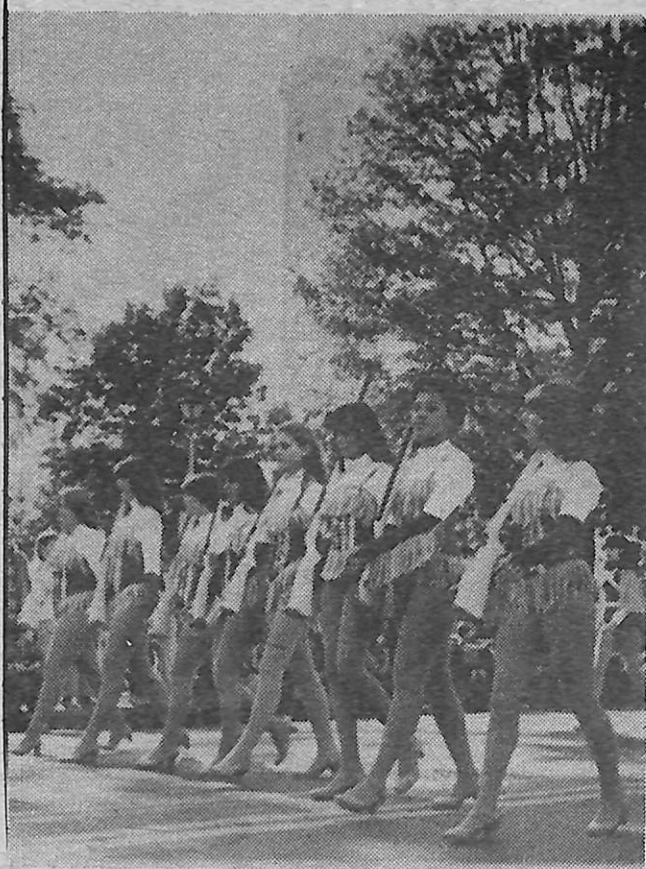
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Pumpkin Preview



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The Federation Connection

Suffield: The Suffield Women's Club is proud to be a member of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs (CSFWC) which has 94 local clubs across the state for an overall membership of 9,000.

The state membership makes them part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) which totals 12,000 clubs and 600,000 women in the United States and Puerto Rico. The General Federation also encompasses 46 countries, territories, and associate organizations to make it the largest women's organization in the world.

Each club has its own officers, by-laws, constitution and programs. They vary from town to town according to their members' interest and the needs of their local communities. The motto "Unity In Diversity" exemplifies this philosophy.

The General Federation provides many programs, specifically developed material and project suggestions. According to Connecticut Federation President Mrs. George Gabriel, last year 72 of 94 clubs donated a total of \$158,500 to local, state, and national causes for a total of 950,000 hours of volunteer service.

Members from across the state have worked on such projects as a reception room for the Hospice Facility in Branford, donations towards a room at Newington Children's Hospital, the purchase of four kidney machines for various state hospitals, and the "Mr. Yuk" program in connection with Pittsburg Poison Control Center.


The latest state project involves working for the Ear Research and Educational Center at St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven.

If anyone in Suffield is interested in diversifying her interests and broadening her contacts by joining a women's club, she may contact Mrs. Thompson of the Suffield Club at (203) 668-7148 or the District Director Mrs. Carmen Nuccio in Enfield at (203) 745-3134.

Who Will They Poison Next?



THE CULPRITS DISCUSS THE QUESTION of who will be their next victim in a scene from DAVOL Productions of *Arsenic and Old Lace* playing through the month of November at the Brass Rail Dinner Theatre in Southwick. Tickets are available for dinner and the play or for the play alone. Actors involved here in rehearsal are Louise James, George Dawson, and Helene Bernstein.



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Laughing Brook Events

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Avian Art is a series scheduled for four Thursdays beginning October 29th at 7 p.m. The feathers, beak and feet adaptations and color patterns of birds will be examined. Students will work from mounted as well as live bird specimens in the collection at Laughing Brook.

Kay Kudlinski, a free-lance artist and science teacher, will be the instructor for both courses. They will emphasize the use of pencil, and beginners are welcome. Drawing paper and sketching pencils are included in the registration fee.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Laughing Brook is sponsoring an introductory photography workshop for beginners entitled Basic 35MM Camera Know-How. This two-session workshop will be held on Saturday, November 7th and 14th from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

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Sports/Recreation

Boys Soccer Team Ties Two; Wins One

By Rick McCarty

After two frustrating ties, the Suffield High soccer team rebounded with a 3-0 win over the Tolland Eagles on Tuesday, October 20 in a game played in Suffield.

Following a 6-0 victory at the expense of the Stafford High Bulldogs, the Wildcats played a scoreless tie with East Windsor and tied the Somers Spartans 1-1 on Thursday, October 15. In these three games Suffield unloaded 103 shots on enemy nets while cashing in only seven times.

Against Tolland, however, Danny Sullivan got the winners on the board midway through the first session. Taking a pass from junior Bob Butler off a three on two break, the senior midfielder tallied his seventh goal of the season for a 1-0 Wildcat lead.

In the second half, Sullivan scored his second goal of the game and eighth of the year. Closing the scoring for Suffield was freshman winger David Sullivan who scored his sixth goal of the season.

Against Somers earlier in the week, David Merrill converted a Jimmy Ruggerio pass for a 1-0 Suffield lead. For Merrill, a senior forward, it was his fourth goal of the campaign. However, just minutes into the second half, the Spartans countered to tie the score at 1-1 and that's the way it remained.

Rams Sew Up X-Country Championship

By Chris Hout

SOUTHWICK: Dick Atkinson's Southwick Rams captured their 4th Valley Wheel cross country championship in six years by virtue of a 15-40 victory over Monson on Tuesday at Monson High School.

The locals finish the regular season at a perfect 12-0 clip and now prepare for the Western Mass. Championship meet which will begin at 2:00 p.m. on October 31 at West Springfield High School. Southwick is the defending Division II Western Mass. champs.

Eric Cass and Evan Anderson turned in record breaking performances in the title clinching meet with times of 15:15 and 15:16 respectively, while Dave Deray (15:47) finished third, Bill Anderson was fourth (15:53), and rounding out the top five is Matt McGann with a time of 15:57.

In last Friday's action, the local swept Belchertown and South Hadley in a tri-meet at South Hadley High School. Eric Cass was the winner, sporting a fine time of 16:47. Evan Anderson was second at 17:04, Dave Deray finished third at 17:17, Matt McGann was fourth at 17:27 and Bob Tingley placed fourth with a time of 18:08.

Southwick is the odds-on favorites to repeat as Division II champs, but Southwick Coach Dick Atkinson has shown great concern for old nemesis Mt Greylock of the Berkshire County League.

"Mt Greylock is returning their whole team from last year. They will be a force to contend with for sure. We only beat them by 8 points last year. It's going to be interesting," Atkinson observed.

Atkinson does not see anyone standing in the way to the way to the prestigious W. Mass title currently held by his club. "Someone will have to take the title away from us because we won't give it away," said Atkinson. "I think we're in good shape."

Soccer Girls Lose 2; Beat Rival Tolland

By Dawn Cummock

On Wednesday, October 14, the Suffield High girls soccer team couldn't pull off a win against tough Simsbury High. Simsbury tallied three times to capture their fifth win at Suffield's expense.

Kim Collona, Claire Boughan and Julie Michalski scored for Simsbury, with Michalski tallying on a penalty kick at the 25:23 mark of the second half. Simsbury goalie Baldes registered four saves while Suffield's Dawn Cummock had five. The loss dropped Suffield's record to an even 3-3 and raised Simsbury's to 5-2-1.

Suffield took its fourth loss of the season on Friday, October 16 to Somers. The Spartans surprised Suffield with the win since Suffield had defeated the Spartans in the opening game of the season by a 5-0 count.

The Wildcats remained tough throughout the game, but the luck wasn't on their side that day. Suffield hammered Somers with shot after shot throughout the afternoon, outshooting them 29-8. Chris Oswell scored both goals for Somers in the first half while Cherye Lumbruno, assisted by Debbie Hownds, scored the only goal for Suffield late in the second half.

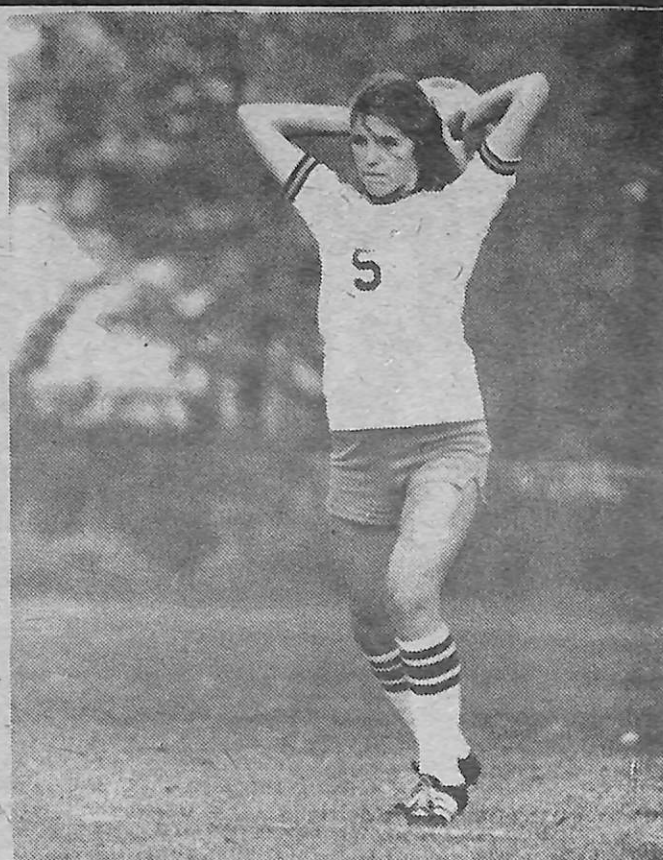
Somers took the game 2-1 against a disappointed Suffield side who watched their record drop to 3-4.

After losing two games in a row, Suffield wasn't about to play dead as they fought back for a 1-1 tie with the Windsor Locks Raiders on Saturday, October 17.

Suffield's Cherye Lumbruno scored the only goal of the first half to put the Wildcats in front, 1-0. However, Windsor's Dorene Lesniak tallied a goal on a breakaway in midway through the second half. Both teams played an intense game, struggling to beat their opponent to the ball. Goalie Maureen Walsh had 14 saves for Windsor Locks while Suffield's Dawn Cummock came up with 5 saves. The tie pushed Suffield's record to 3-4-1.

The Wildcats captured a hard-earned victory against their longtime rival, Tolland on Monday, October 20 by a count of 3-1. Missy Wentworth led the scoring parade with two goals, one in each half. Freshman Amy Markowski scored Suffield's third goal, her first of the season. Cheryl Lumbruno and Dari Small assisted on the goal for Suffield.

Alice Gray was the lone scorer for the Eagles, scoring Tolland's only goal early in the second half. Tolland fired out more shots than Suffield, outshooting the Wildcats 20-15 but Suffield made their shots count giving them the victory.



Freshman Amy Markowski throws in the ball in girls soccer action last week against Tolland. Amy eventually scored the third goal of the game, her first of the season. Suffield won 3-1. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

Suffield Flyers 9-10 Hard At Practice

SUFFIELD: The Squirt Division of the Suffield Flyers Youth Hockey Club (ages 9-10) began practicing in early October in preparation for their first game on November 4. Over thirty youngsters have registered at this age level with a very solid nucleus of players returning from last year.

Rusty Stone, Dan Lownds and Travis Tucker will provide a significant amount of fire power for this team which made it to the State semifinals, in the Squirt Division, last year. Also moving up from the Mite age group are Mike Bruno and Tim Connell to further strengthen this team. The loss of goalie Frank Molander to the Pee Wee age group, opens up that all important defensive spot to hopefuls Chris Patsch, Doug Newton and Scott Yukimura.

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JOHN COWARD dribbles downfield in Southwick soccer action which led the Rams to a 3-0 victory over Granby last Tuesday. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

(Suffield Flyers, Cont. From Page 13)

John Gifford, who will coach the team for the second consecutive year, feels that his team is as strong as he has seen at this age group in several years. Not only does the team have individual talent, he said, but most of the boys have been playing together for four years and in many cases can anticipate each others moves on the ice.

The key to success will be to work as a team and avoid relying on one or two players to carry the offensive attack. The team looked particularly impressive in a scrimmage last weekend with perennially strong Enfield and Gifford hopes it is a sign of the kind of play that the squad will be able to turn in throughout the season.

The Squirt "B" team will also be particularly strong as well, Gifford said. Many of the skaters who will be on that team would normally be "A" skaters in any other league and in fact were part of the Mite program which last year defeated Southern Connecticut powerhouses Hamden and Mid-Fairfield. Ernie Petkovich, who will be coaching this year's "B" team, will rely heavily on Tommy McKeon, Ken Ladden and Chris Petkovich for the offensive punch while Jared Morgan and Shane Potemski will shore up the defense.

Soccer Rams Remain On Top

By Chris Hout

Southwick. Goals by Todd Typrowicz and Paul Armitage carried the undefeated Southwick Rams to a tight 3-0 victory over Granby in boys high school soccer action last Tuesday at Southwick High.

The locals, now 8-0-1 and in first place in the Hampshire Franklin's C Division, broke on top at the 10:12 mark of the opening session as Typrowicz hit Armitage with a nifty centering pass in front of the Granby cage. Paul wasted little time in beating the Granby netminder with a quick low shot.

From that point on the contest turned into the Todd Typrowicz show as the talented junior booter added the insurance goals of the victory with some fancy footwork.

At 6:16 of the second stanza, Typrowicz collected his own rebound and neatly fired it home, pushing the Rams into a two-goal lead. He then applied the backbreaker as far as Granby was concerned, scoring his second goal at the 13:05 mark of the final period.

Jimmy Porter turned aside fifteen shots in goal for the winners.

The Rams now face St. Mary's in a virtual must-win situation for both clubs. Southwick leads St. Mary's by one point in the Hampshire Franklin League and has defeated their rivals once already this season.

If the Rams should defeat St. Mary's, it would give the locals a 3-point advantage with four games remaining - a rather commanding position that would be difficult to overcome.

On the other hand, if St. Mary's should win, they would then take over the first place position by one point. Southwick would then hope for a Saints' loss in one of their last four games, an event not likely considering the fact that St. Mary's only defeat this season was the setback at the hands of the Rams earlier this season.

Suffield Rec Soccer Season Winds Down

The 1981 Suffield Recreation Department's soccer seasons winds down to a successful close within the next two weeks. Since the beginning of September, over 200 boys and girls have participated in the program which spans from grades 1 through 8.

The Spaulding School soccer fields were in constant use five out of seven days of the week as the young participants played against each other in an intramural league. The Recreation Department was very appreciative of the efforts that coaches **Lucy Fazzina, Ted Mavis, Douglas Grabowski, Rich Ladizki, Dick Roy, Ed Phelon, Frank Giannuzzi, Frank Walsh, Bill Fisher, Al Johnson, Tom Walter, Russ McNayr, Sonny Osowiecki, Russ Mills and Jim Hoar** brought to their particular teams and the elementary school league.

The Middle School teams enjoyed a very successful season. Coaches Bruce Dinnie's and Rick Martino's efforts showed positive results in their 12 year old and under teams as they battled area towns such as Granby and South Windsor, coming away with several victories. George Galiastos' girls team showed impressive results against teams from Somers, Windsor, Windsor Locks and Enfield, as did Brian Doyon's 8th grade boys team.

The most enthusiastic response this season was to the Middle School Intramural Soccer League initiated by Bruce Dinnie and 6th grade teacher Ron Savoy.

The league concludes next Tuesday with a championship game to be played before the entire McAlister School student body.

A special note of appreciation is extended to **Andrew Hodge, Russ Mills and Michael Milligan** for their officiating throughout the season as well as to the many parents who have supported the program this season as well as in the past.

Penalties Plague Field Hockey Game

By Chris Hout

Southwick. Senior Donna Griffin's goal, with just six minutes left in the game, lifted the undefeated Southwick Rams to a frustrating and deceiving 1-0 victory over upset-minded East Longmeadow in girls field hockey action last Wednesday at Southwick High.

Numerous penalties against the locals kept the contest from turning into laughter as the Rams had five goals called back.

Griffin nullified the controversial setbacks with a tally at the six-minute mark and converted a pretty goalmouth pass from teammate phenom Karen Schulz to bag the winner. Southwick's record now stands at a perfect 11 and 0.

"The score doesn't indicate the type of game we played," said Coach Sheila Bewsee. "It should have been 6-0, not 1-0. I've got to question a few of those

calls made by the ref which could have been very costly for us."

Southwick's defense was sensational in clinching the victory. The locals were lightning quick in pursuit of loose balls in their own end. They consistently provided protection for goalie Robin Schools, who did not face a single shot throughout the afternoon and recorded the shutout.

The awesome defence drew quick praise from Coach Bewsee. "The defense was really something. They cleared the ball from out zone very quickly and didn't give East Longmeadow a chance."

On Monday, the Rams traveled to Longmeadow and handed the Lancers a 3-1 setback behind Sherri Carpenter's pair of goals and Karen Schulz' added singleton.

The locals, however, did not play their usual sound game. Coach Bewsee said, "I told them they played a horrible game, which they did. They were not playing good, fundamental hockey which we all know they are capable of. I was very pleased with our effort against East Longmeadow as that's the kind of hockey we're capable of playing all the time."

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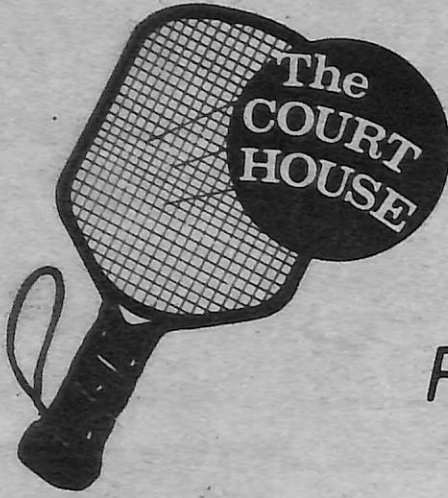
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